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1. REQUESTED BIOGRAPHIC MATERIAL ON AUSTRIAN HOSTS FIRST LADY WILL MEET AND TALKING POINTS FOR MEETINGS WITH AUSTRIAN HOSTS, FOLLOWS:

2. BIOGRAPHIES:

A. RUDOLF KIRCHSCHLAGER -- FEDERAL PRESIDENT

HE WAS BORN AT OBERMUEHL ON MARCH 20, 1915. HE EARNED A DOCTOR'S DEGREE IN LAW AT VIENNA UNIVERSITY IN 1940. FIRST SERVING AS A JUDGE, HE ENTERED THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1954. AN EXPERT IN INTERNATIONAL LAW, HE PARTICIPATED IN THE FINAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE AUSTRIAN STATE TREATY AND IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. HE ALSO SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATION TO THE

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U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. WHEN

CHANCELLOR-DESIGNATE KREISKY INVITED HIM TO JOIN HIS CABINET AS FOREIGN MINISTER IN 1970, DR. KIRCHSCHLAGER WAS AUSTRIAN MINISTER TO PRAGUE. THE SOCIALIST PARTY NOMINATED HIM AS ITS CANDIDATE FOR THE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS ON JUNE 23, 1974 WHICH HE WON WITH 51.7 PERCENT OF THE VOTES. DR. KIRCHSCHLAGER WAS INAUGURATED AS PRESIDENT OF AUSTRIA ON JULY 8, 1974. THE PRESIDENT IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.

B. BRUNO KREISKY -- FEDERAL CHANCELLOR

BRUNO KREISKY WAS BORN IN VIENNA ON JAN. 22, 1911, THE SON OF A TEXTILE MANUFACTURER. HE HOLDS A DOCTOR OF LAW DEGREE OF VIENNA UNIVERSITY. KREISKY JOINED THE SOCIALIST YOUTH MOVEMENT IN 1926, AND, IN 1934 WHEN HIS PARTY WAS OUTLAWED, HE ENGAGED IN UNDERGROUND ACTIVITIES AND WAS IMPRISONED TWICE. AFTER THE ANSCHLUSS, KREISKY EMIGRATED TO SWEDEN WHERE HE ESTABLISHED A PERMANENT FRIENDSHIP WITH WILLY BRANDT. FROM 1947 TO 1950, HE WAS FIRST SECRETARY OF THE AUSTRIAN LEGATION IN STOCKHOLM. AS A STATE SECRETARY IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY (1953-59), HE PLAYED A PROMINENT ROLE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH LED TO THE SIGNING OF THE AUSTRIAN STATE TREATY IN MAY, 1955. APPOINTED FOREIGN MINISTER IN 1959, HE HELD THAT POST IN SEVERAL COALITION GOVERNMENTS UNTIL HIS PARTY'S ELECTION DEFEAT IN 1966. HAVING BEEN DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY SINCE 1959, KREISKY MOVED INTO THE CHAIRMANSHIP IN 1968. HE LED HIS PARTY TO ELECTION VICTORIES IN MARCH 1970, AND AGAIN IN OCTOBER, 1971, AND HAS BEEN CHANCELLOR FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS. IN NOVEMBER, 1974, HE MET PRESIDENT FORD ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON. DR. KREISKY IS MARRIED AND HAS A SON AND A DAUGHTER.

C. ERICH BIELKA-KARLTREU -- MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

DR. BIELKA WAS BORN IN VIENNA ON MAY 12, 1908. HE EARNED A DOCTOR'S DEGREE IN LAW AT VIENNA UNIVERSITY AND ATTENDED THE VIENNA CONSULAR ACADEMY AS WELL AS SCHOOLS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN GENEVA AND PARIS. IN 1935 HE ENTERED THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN SERVICE AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE AUSTRIAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN MUNICH, WHERE HE SERVED FROM 1936 TO 1938. AFTER THE NAZI ANSCHLUSS HE WAS DISMISSED FROM THE SERVICE AND TEMPORARILY DETAINED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN A CONCENTRATION CAMP. IN 1945 HE RE-ENTERED THE FOREIGN SERVICE. DR. BIELKA'S POSTWAR DIPLOMATIC CAREER BEGAN WITH ASSIGNMENTS TO SWITZERLAND, EGYPT AND TURKEY. FROM 1958 TO 1962 HE HEADED THE ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDER DR. KREISKY WHO WAS THEN FOREIGN MINISTER. IN 1967, HE BECAME AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND. FROM 1972 UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT

AS FOREIGN MINISTER IN MID-1974, HE WAS AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE. DR. BIELKA IS MARRIED.

D. HANS LECHNER -- GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF SALZBURG

HE WAS BORN IN GRAZ, STYRIA, ON JULY 16, 1913.

LECHNER HOLDS THREE ACADEMIC DEGREES IN LAW AND AGRICULTURE.

HIS EARLY PROFESSIONAL CAREER WAS IN THE DAIRY INDUSTRY.

AFTER THE WAR, HE HELD SEVERAL POSITIONS IN THE SALZBURG

PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION. IN 1959, HE WAS ELECTED A

MEMBER OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND, IN 1961, BECAME

GOVERNOR, SERVING HIS FOURTH TERM CURRENTLY. LECHNER

IS A LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE PEOPLE'S PARTY. HE

IS MARRIED AND THE FATHER OF SEVEN DAUGHTERS.

E. HEINRICH SALFENAUER -- MAYOR OF SALZBURG

SALFENAUER WAS BORN IN SALZBURG ON SEP. 1, 1920.

IN 1945, HE ENTERED POLITICS AS A LOCAL SECRETARY OF THE

SOCIALIST PARTY. SEVEN YEARS LATER, HE WAS

APPOINTED CITY COUNSELOR FOR CULTURAL, SPORTS,

SCHOOL, PERSONNEL AND YOUTH AFFAIRS AND, IN 1957, ELECTED

BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO THE POST OF DEPUTY MAYOR.

WHEN HIS PREDECESSOR RETIRED IN 1970, SALFENAUER BECAME MAYOR.

HE HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE REVIVAL OF SALZBURG

UNIVERSITY AND, MORE RECENTLY, IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE

CITY AS A CONVENTION AND EXHIBITS CENTER. SALFENAUER IS

MARRIED AND HAS TWO SONS.

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F. WILEY T. BUCHANAN, JR. -- AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA
AMBASSADOR BUCHANAN ASSUMED HIS POST IN VIENNA
IN APRIL, 1975. BORN JANUARY 4, 1914, AT "MYRTLE HILL"
IN VAN ZANDT COUNTY, TEXAS, HE HAS SERVED HIS NATION
AS BOTH DIPLOMAT AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, IN ADDITION TO HIS
PRIVATE CAREER AS A SUCCESSFUL INVESTOR AND CORPORATE
OFFICIAL. AFTER SERVING AS MINISTER TO LUXEMBOURG FROM
1953 TO 1955, MR. BUCHANAN WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR AND
SERVED UNTIL 1957, WHEN HE WAS SELECTED CHIEF OF PROTOCOL
OF THE UNITED STATES WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR FOR THE
PERIOD 1957-1961. A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL CITY COUNCIL
OF WASHINGTON, D.C., MR. BUCHANAN WAS FOR MANY YEARS A
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE NATIONAL SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA, ON THE NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD OF THE BOY
SCOUTS OF AMERICA, AND A TRUSTEE OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS
SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, THE
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, AND THE LONDON SCHOOL
FOR BOYS IN BETHESDA, MARYLAND. MR. BUCHANAN WAS SECRETARY-
TREASURER OF THE NATIONAL AGROL CORPORATION FROM 1942 TO 1950,
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IN ADDITION TO HOLDING THE VICE-PRESIDENCY OF BERKS PARACHUTE
COMPANY FROM 1943 TO 1946. OTHER POSITIONS HELD BY
HIM IN THE COURSE OF HIS PRIVATE CAREER INCLUDE: MEMBER
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE TRUST COMMITTEE OF THE
NATIONAL SAVINGS & TRUST BANK IN WASHINGTON, D.C.;
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF L'ENFANT PLAZA CORPORATION IN WASHINGTON
D.C., WHICH IS INVOLVED IN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS. MR.
BUCHANAN IS MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN.

3. SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS:

A. GIFTS: CHANCELLOR AND MRS. KREISKY HAVE GIVEN
PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD A BEAUTIFUL CHANDELIER FOR THREE
CANDLES MADE BY THE FAMOUS LOBMEYR FIRM OF VIENNA.

MAYOR OF SALZBURG SALFENAUER AND MRS.
SALFENAUER HAVE GIVEN MRS. FORD AND SUSAN FORD SOME
TRADITIONAL COSTUME JEWELRY USUALLY WORN WITH THE
DIRNDL (NATIVE DRESS).

THE AUSTRIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SALZBURG
HAS GIVEN MRS. FORD A RED AND BLACK RAIN UMBRELLA USUALLY
CARRIED WITH THE TRADITIONAL NATIVE COSTUME.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRIAN HAT MAKERS
ASSOCIATION HAS GIVEN THE PRESIDENT A CLASSIC DARK GREEN
TYROLEAN HAT.

MAYOR OF SALZBURG AND MRS. SALFENAUER HAVE GIVEN THE PRESIDENT A PAIR OF ORANGE AND BLUE BLIZZARD FIREBIRD SKIS FOR HARD SNOW AND ONE PAIR OF BLUE AND WHITE ATOMIC SKIS FOR DEEP SNOW.

GOVERNOR OF SALZBURG PROVINCE AND MRS. LECHNER HAVE GIVEN MRS. FORD A TRADITIONAL BLUE FLOWERED DIRNDL DRESS.

B. MUSIC: THE SALZBURG MUSIC FESTIVAL IS AN ANNUAL EVENT AND ATTRACTS AUDIENCES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. HERBERT VON KARAJAN IS AUSTRIA'S MOST FAMOUS CONDUCTOR AND THE DARLING OF SALZBURG. KARAJAN AND LEONARD BERNSTEIN HAVE SOMEWHAT THE SAME LOOKS BUT DIFFERENT STYLES AND ARE ARCH COMPETITORS NOT TO SAY ENEMIES.

MOZART WAS BORN IN SALZBURG AND THE FAMOUS LOCAL MUSIC SCHOOL IS NAMED AFTER HIM. MOZART AND HIS SON USED TO GIVE CONCERTS TOGETHER IN THE RESIDENZ IN THE ROOM WHERE CHANCELLOR KREISKY IS GIVING A DINNER IN HONOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT SADAT.

C. TOURISM: OVER 500,000 TOURISTS COME TO AUSTRIA EVERY YEAR AND MOST OF THEM VISIT SALZBURG. AS A RESULT TOURISM IS AUSTRIA'S MOST IMPORTANT EXPORT. HAS THE WORLD WIDE RECESSION AFFECTED AUSTRIA'S TOURIST RECEIPTS?

D. WOMEN: 1975 IS THE YEAR OF THE WOMAN IN THE UNITED STATES WHERE THE WOMEN'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT IS VERY STRONG. IN AUSTRIA THERE ARE TWO WOMEN CABINET MINISTERS. ARE THERE MANY WOMEN IN THE PROFESSIONS? DO AUSTRIAN WOMEN USUALLY CONTINUE WORKING AFTER GETTING MARRIED?

E. AIRPORT ARRIVAL: THE LITTLE FLOWER CHILDREN AT THE AIRPORT IN THEIR TRADITIONAL COSTUME WERE PERFORMING A TRADITIONAL RITE IN OFFICIALLY GREETING DISTINGUISHED VISITORS. THE BAND AND HONOR GUARD WERE ALSO PART OF THIS OLD CUSTOM AND COME FROM VARIOUS VILLAGES IN THE SALZBURG AREA.

F. WORLD WAR II: SALZBURG WAS LIBERATED BY AMERICAN FORCES AND WAS THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE US ARMY FOR TEN YEARS. US GENERAL HARRY COLLINS, ONE OF THE LIBERATORS OF THE TOWN WAS MADE AN HONORARY CITIZEN AND IS BURIED HERE. THOMPSON

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